

## Message Text

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DEPT FOR A/SY/OPS/FO/MSG (DONOVAN); HONG KONG FOR RSS/RMO

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC, MSG  
SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT OF WOMEN MARINE SECURITY GUARDS - SEOUL

1. IN PREPARATION FOR SUBJECT ASSIGNMENTS OF TWO WOMEN MARINES TO SEOUL DETACHMENT, POST IS PROCEEDING WITH MODIFICATIONS OF MARINE HOUSE. SOME MODIFICATIONS WERE PLANNED IN ANY CASE; THEREFORE, ASSIGNMENT OF WOMEN FITS WELL INTO OUR PLANS.

2. EXCLUSIVE OF LOGISTICAL/SPACE CONSIDERATIONS, POST IS SENSITIVE TO PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH MAY EFFECT SUCCESS OF PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH POST IS ENTHUSIASTIC OF ASSIGNMENTS (INCLUDING NCOIC/RSO), THERE ARE NATURALLY SOME MARINES WHO ARE SKEPTICAL OF WOMEN IN NONTRADITIONAL ROLES (I.E., MARINE SECURITY GUARDS). CONSEQUENTLY, RSO HAS DISCUSSED ASSIGNMENT OF WOMEN MARINES AT LENGTH WITH LTCOL. EDWARD LOCKWOOD, US ARMY PROVOST MARSHAL IN SEOUL, WHO HAPPENS TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN OPERATIONAL BILLETTS IN MILITARY POLICE CORPS. LOCKWOOD HAS AGREED TO RSO'S REQUEST TO SPEAK TO MARINES CONVEYING HIS CONFIDENCE IN WOMEN IN OPERATIONAL ROLES AND HIS EXPERIENCE WITH WOMEN IN SECURITY/LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES. LOCKWOOD'S PRESENTATION WILL BE TAPED SO AS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR NEW  
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MARINES ASSIGNED TO POST AFTER LOCKWOOD'S DEPARTURE FROM SEOUL IN JUNE. IF A/SY/OPS/FO/MSG IS INTERESTED IN A COPY OF THIS TAPE ONE WILL BE PROVIDED.

3. LOCKWOOD ALSO RECOMMENDED RSO OBTAIN SURVEYS AND STUDIES CONDUCTED BY THE ARMY IN NONTRADITIONAL ROLES. THEREFORE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT DONOVAN CONTACT LTCOL

DAVID REED, OFFICE OF DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR PERSONNEL,  
DAPE-HRE, PENTAGON, OBTAIN COPIES OF STUDIES, AND FORWARD  
TO RSO FOR USE IN ATTITUDINAL TRAINING FOR MARINE GUARDS  
PRIOR TO ASSIGNMENT OF WOMEN MARINES.

4. POST IS DETERMINED TO MAKE INTEGRATION PROGRAM A SUCCESS  
AND WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES APPRISED OF PREPARATIONS.  
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